The Honorable Joe Sam Vassar 110 West 7th Avenue Bristow, OK. 74010

Dear Judge Vassar:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for a number of environmental statutes passed by Congress, many of which directly affect local communities, such Bristow, Oklahoma.

Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (commonly known as Superfund), EPA is responsible for locating, assessing and cleaning up uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites. The EPA is proposing several additions to the National Priorities List which is the list of Federal Superfund sites. One of these proposed sites is the Wilcox Oil Refinery Site located in Creek County, Oklahoma.

For your convenience and information, I am enclosing a brief fact sheet about the site and some information on the Superfund program. Notice of a 60-day public comment period regarding the Wilcox Oil Refinery Site proposal will soon be published in the *Federal Register*.

If you would like more information, or would prefer a briefing or site tour, please contact me or have someone from your staff contact Brenda Cook, Region 6 NPL Coordinator, at 214-665-7436 or cook.brenda@epa.gov. My staff and I stand ready to assist you in any way.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Edlund Director Superfund Division Region 6

Enclosures